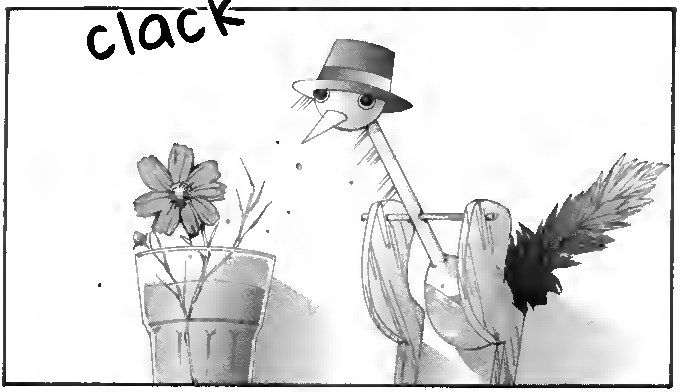
# Chapter 7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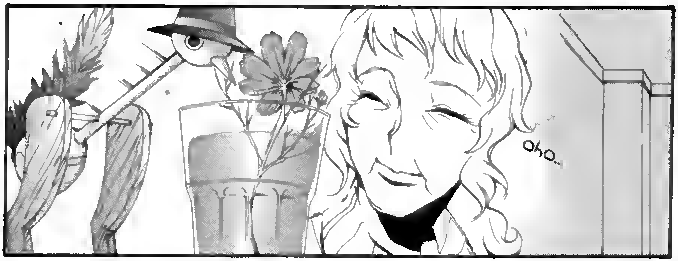
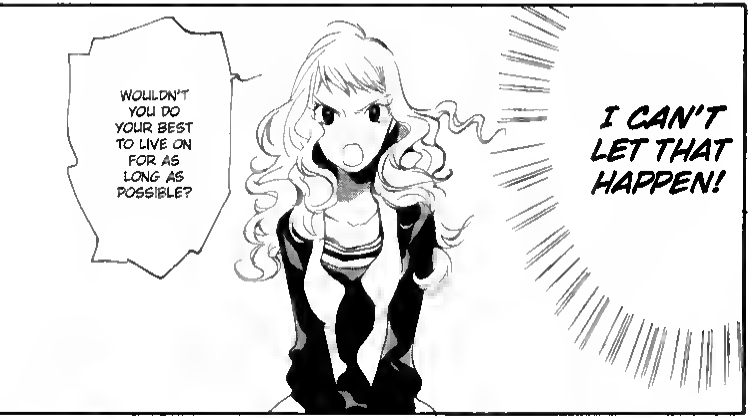

OHO...

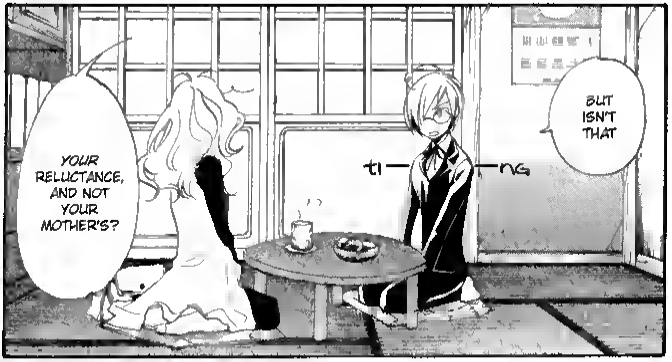
I'LL ENTRUST IT TO YOU WHEN I DIE, AKASHI.
OH, DON'T SAY SUCH MORBID THINGS I WANT TO SEE YOU DISCHARGED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

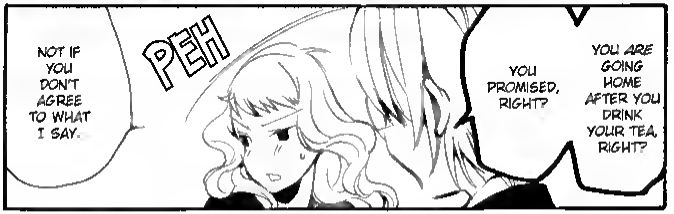
ka-chak
MOTHER, THAT BIRD AGAIN?
IT'S SOOO GROSS.
SURE YOU DON'T THINK IT'S CUTE?

I'M SORRY
JEEZ, MOTHER!
I'M AFRAID THAT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE.
twitch
AKASHI
YOU SHOULD REALLY STOP SAYING SUCH DEPRESSING THINGS—
I'M A LITTLE WORRIED FOR YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE SPOILED
BUT I GUESS YOU'LL LEARN WITH AGE
I THINK I HAD A FEW MORE THINGS LEFT TO DO, BUT THAT CAN'T BE HELPED, CAN IT?

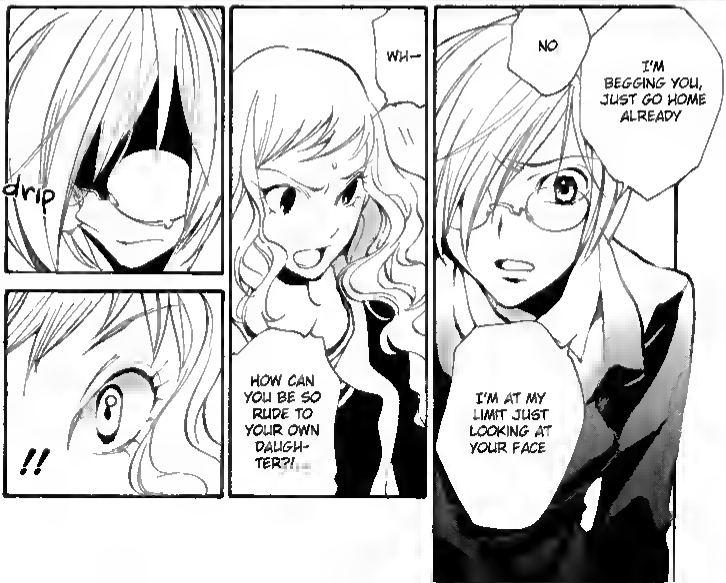
MO—
I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
MOTHER, DON'T SAY SUCH LONE-SOME THINGS.
AND AKASHI, PREPARE YOURSELF
DON'T LEAVE ME ALL ALONE
EVERYONE DIES ALONE


WOULDN'T YOU DO YOUR BEST TO LIVE ON FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE?
I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!


BUT ISN'T THAT
tl— —ng
YOUR RELUCTANCE, AND NOT YOUR MOTHER'S?


YOU ARE GOING HOME AFTER YOU DRINK YOUR TEA, RIGHT?
YOU PROMISED, RIGHT?
PEH
NOT IF YOU DON'T AGREE TO WHAT I SAY.

I DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT'S UP WITH THIS ROOM?
WHY ARE YOU LIVING IN A WOODEN APARTMENT?! YOU'RE A VAMPIRE!
OKAY, NOW YOU SOUND LIKE TANAKA.
I SWEAR SHE ISN'T, I JUST...
SO SHE IS YOUR GIRL-FRIEND!
TANAKA AGAIN ?!

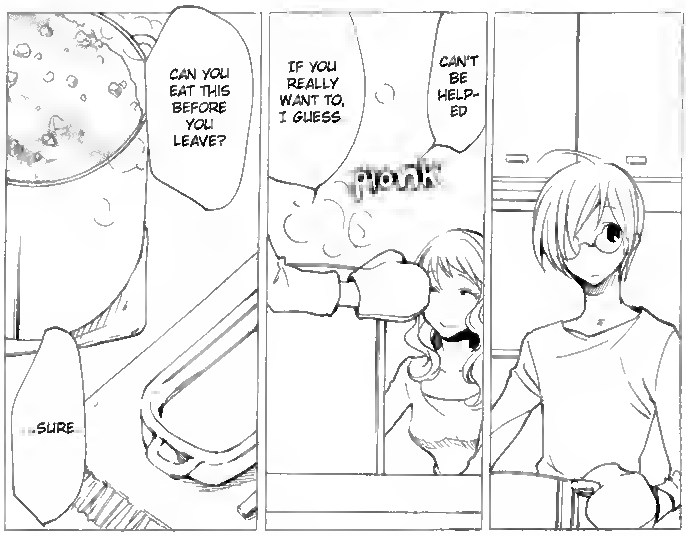

I'M BEGGING YOU, JUST GO HOME ALREADY
NO
I'M AT MY LIMIT JUST LOOKING AT YOUR FACE
WH-
HOW CAN YOU BE SO RUDE TO YOUR OWN DAUGH-TER?!
drip
!!

SFX: STANDS UP
WHERE'D YOU PUT YOUR HAPPY BIRD? I DON'T SEE IT ANYWHERE...
HUH?
MOTHER KEEPS IT EVEN TO THIS DAY! YOU BOUGHT THEM WITH HER, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOURS?
CRYING IS NO EXCUSE
WH—
WHAT!
THAT'S SO UNFAIR! MOTHER NEVER FORGOT ABOUT YOU...
I REALLY CAN'T...
WHEN I LOOK AT YOU, I SEE ARISA
IT TOOK ME 30 YEARS TO FORGET HER!

tremble
tremble
Y...YOU JERK.
IT WAS LIKE A WEDDING RING TO MOTHER!
...I THREW IT AWAY
THREW IT AWAY ?!
HAPPY BIRDS AREN'T ANYTHING LIKE THAT
ER,
like this
WHICH IS WHY I SAID IT WAS 'LIKE' ONE!
.. !!
IN ANY CASE, I'VE THROWN IT AWAY ALONG WITH MY MEMORIES WITH HER.

SFX PWOOSH
YOU REALLY ARE A JERK.
I WAS A FOOL FOR WANTING TO MEET YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE.
HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH A THING?!
SFX CLATTER
SFX THUD THUD
GOOD-BYE
clack
I'M NEVER COMING BACK AGAIN!

WHAT?
'BREAK UP'? ...WHY?
I'M SAYING GOOD-BYE TO YOU
WHY DID I HAVE TO HEAR THAT SAME GOODBYE TWICE...
FROM THAT SAME FACE?
SFX. SLAM
WHY...


CAN YOU EAT THIS BEFORE YOU LEAVE?
..SURE
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO, I GUESS
CAN'T BE HELP-ED
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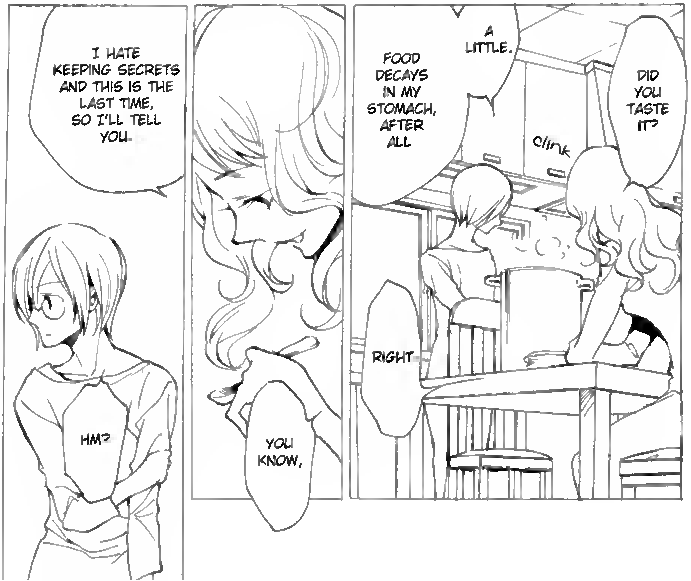
I HATE KEEPING SECRETS AND THIS IS THE LAST TIME, SO I'LL TELL YOU.
HM?
YOU KNOW,
FOOD DECAYS IN MY STOMACH, AFTER ALL
A LITTLE.
RIGHT
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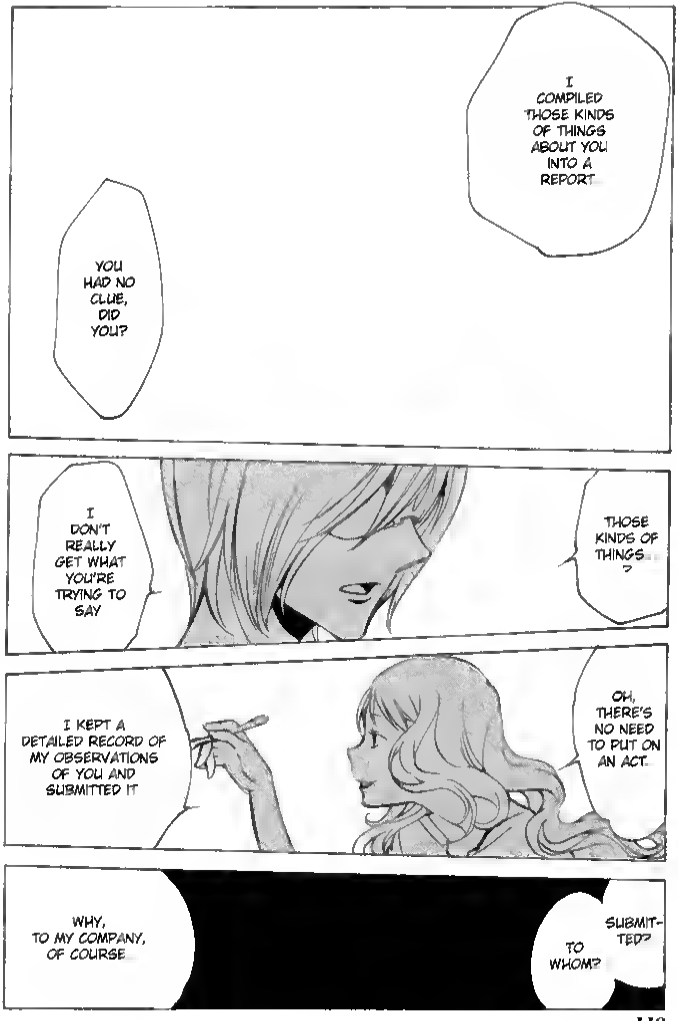
DID YOU TASTE IT?

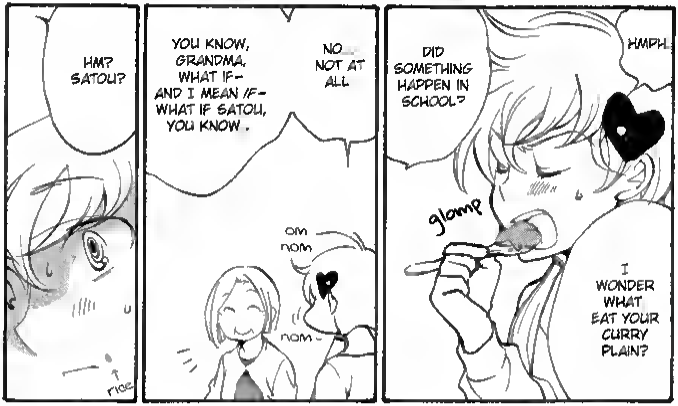

I COMPILED THOSE KINDS OF THINGS ABOUT YOU INTO A REPORT...
YOU HAD NO CLUE, DID YOU?
I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY
THOSE KINDS OF THINGS...?
I KEPT A DETAILED RECORD OF MY OBSERVATIONS OF YOU AND SUBMITTED IT
OH, THERE'S NO NEED TO PUT ON AN ACT.
WHY, TO MY COMPANY, OF COURSE...
TO WHOM?
SUBMIT-TED?

YOU'RE LYING
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE A HAPPY BIRD
IT'S TRUE YOU WERE AN IMPORTANT SAMPLE
SFX. CLATTER
THAT'S VERY...
I TITLED IT THE HAPPY BIRD REPORT
DON'T YOU THINK I'VE GOT A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOUR?
LOW OF YOU...!!

DON'T GET SO HYSTERI-CAL
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!
AND WHY NOT?!
AH...
wipe
wipe
AS IF!
THAT HABIT OF THROWING UTENSILS CAME FROM ME...?
DON'T TELL ME

MISAKI! DINNER'S READY.
WHAT'S WRONG? IT'S YOUR FAVORITE CURRY TONIGHT, YOU KNOW?
SFX MOPE
SFX MOPE
I'LL EAT IF IT'S CURRY
What happened to your face?
O-OKAY.
EEK!
SFX MOPE
THANKS, GRANDMA SOME FUKUJINZUKE AND SAUCE TOO, PLEASE.
MISAKI, DO YOU EAT SPRING ONIONS?
NEXT TIME, COME ONCE I CALL.
YOU NEVER CLEAN UP WHEN YOU EAT ALONE

WHAT ELSE AM I SUPPOSED TO ADD?! IT'S TASTY THIS WAY!
HISS
OH DEAR, DON'T EAT YOUR CURRY WITH SAUCE.


HM? SATOU?
YOU KNOW, GRANDMA, WHAT IF- AND I MEAN IF- WHAT IF SATOU, YOU KNOW .
NO... NOT AT ALL
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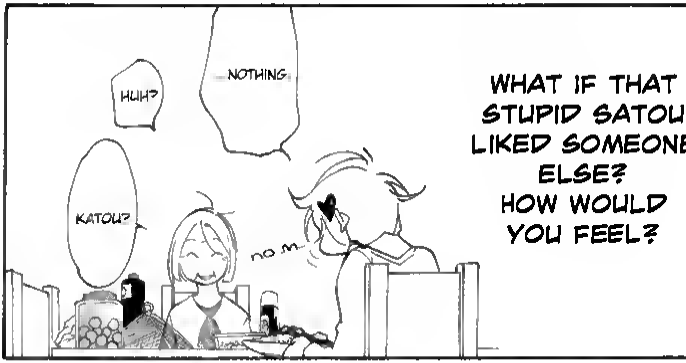
nom
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN IN SCHOOL?
HMPH.
glomp
I WONDER WHAT EAT YOUR CURRY PLAIN?


HUH?
NOTHING
KATOU?
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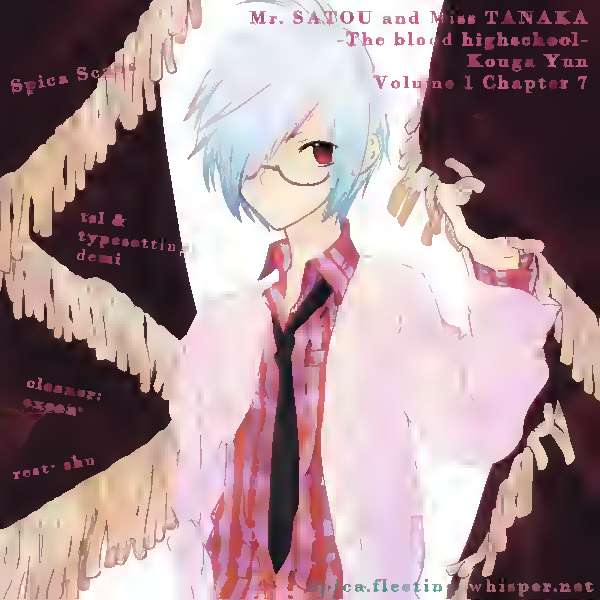
WHAT IF THAT STUPID SATOU LIKED SOMEONE ELSE? HOW WOULD YOU FEEL?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